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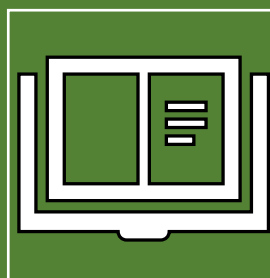


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VICE CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



I am pleased to welcome you to Rajarata University of Sri Lanka's Faculty of Agriculture. My dear students, I congratulate you on your perseverance in getting through the extremely demanding admissions procedure into Sri Lanka's university system. It should be underlined that you are lucky to be accepted into the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka for further agricultural studies. It is your main responsibility to use all of the resources offered by the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka to achieve your higher education goals now that you have this exceptional opportunity. A new chapter in your life is beginning. It's normal to feel uncertain, and some of the challenges encountered on this new path may overwhelm you. Nevertheless, I do not doubt that you will rapidly adjust and soon call Rajarata University of Sri Lanka your home away from home. I also like to thank parents and guardians for entrusting us with their children's higher education.

Producing creative and energetic graduates with solid knowledge and the necessary skills to achieve sustainable development in agriculture and related industries is the goal of the BSc Agriculture (Hons) Degree program. The finest learning environment is offered by the faculty's location, particularly the dry zone agriculture, which is rich in practical experiences and offers a wealth of chances to broaden one's knowledge base.

As an institution committed to innovativeness, I assure you that the Faculty of Agriculture of RUSL will nurture you to become a graduate with the required knowledge, skills and most importantly the sound intellectual curiosity and confidence that you need to work as an agricultural professional in the country as well as in overseas.

You will enjoy your journey by engaging yourself in a range of co-curricular and extracurricular activities including sports, cultural, and religious events, talent shows, outbound training, farmer day activities, exhibitions, and special events like the annual undergraduate research symposium.

This Handbook compiles the key information, advice, services, and opportunities for you in the Faculty and University to make your journey here an easier and happier one. I am certain that this Handbook helps you to plan your journey since its inception. Therefore, I urge you to take maximum advantage of all these services and opportunities of the faculty and achieve all your goals and aspirations.

I believe that you will find the Faculty of Agriculture of RUSL to be an exciting, stimulating, supportive, and memorable place in your life that shapes your future as a young professional in agriculture with the utmost potential to fulfill the needs of society, country and the world.

I wish you all the very best in your journey.

Prof. G.A.S. Ginigaddara
Vice Chancellor
RUSL



DEAN'S MESSAGE

Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka was established in 2001 at Puliyankulama, about three kilometers (03) away from the ancient city of Anuradhapura and about ten (10) kilometers away from Mihintale where the main administration building complex is located. The faculty was established with three departments at the beginning and now it consists of four departments namely,



- Department of Agricultural Engineering and Soil Science
- Department of Agricultural Systems
- Department of Animal and Food Sciences
- Department of Plant Sciences

The faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka is the leading institute responsible for higher education in Agriculture for the Dry Zone of Sri Lanka. The faculty of Agriculture was mainly established at Puliyankulama to develop sustainable agricultural systems particularly focusing on the Dry Zone of Sri Lanka by utilizing rural farm settings and natural resources effectively. Today, we are proud to be one of the dynamic faculties teaching Agriculture in the country. The faculty is today enriched with necessary facilities such as human and physical resources to support the academic programs as well as the outreach activities. The faculty is capable of providing sound practical training in Agriculture through the Faculty Research Farm. The faculty research farm has a land extent of 32 acres located closer to the faculty main premises at Puliyankulama, Anuradhapura and is mainly used for student training programs on crop production, animal production and research works of undergraduates and academic staff. The faculty research farm also provides beneficial input to uplift the knowledge on the farming activities of neighboring farmers so as to favor the dissemination of agricultural knowledge. In addition, six acres of land have been developed as the Sustainable Agro-food Production and Value Addition Model Farm.

The faculty presently offers a four-year degree namely Bachelor of Science Honours in Agriculture as a special degree. The annual student intake to the faculty through the UGC is 175 and the total student population in the faculty is about 550. A semester-based course unit system is adopted to run the academic program. The faculty is well empowered with human resources to ensure the best quality of teaching and training. Our graduates are fitted to a wider range of disciplines because of the multi-disciplinary nature of the academic program. In addition to the subject knowledge, a balanced training in communication skills, computer and IT skills and life skills development to meet the needs of the modern society is included in the academic program. The faculty offers formal advisory and counselling programs, financial support for needy students

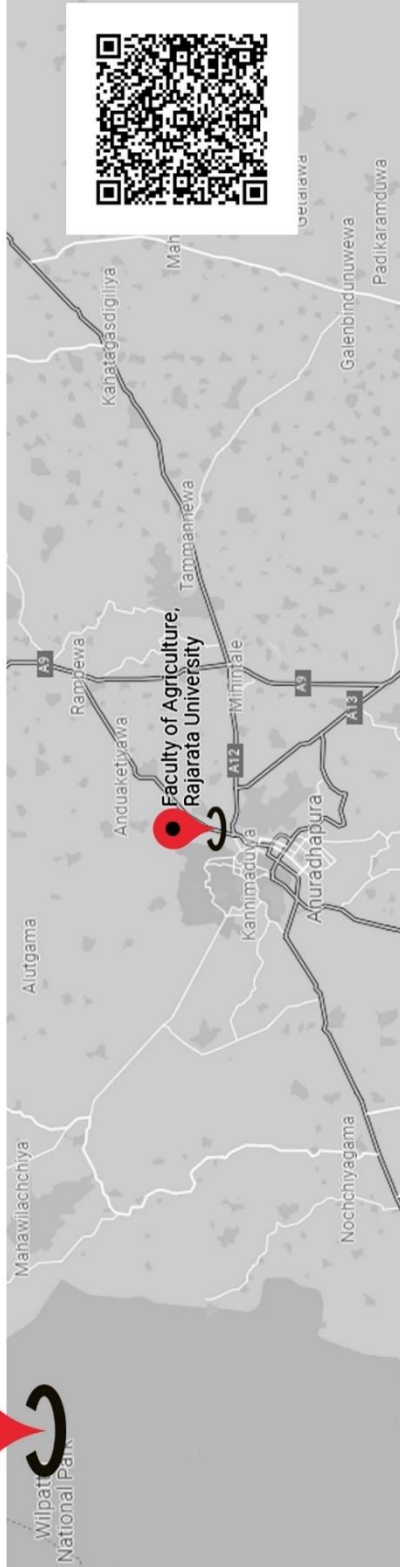
and many other forms of student support. The employability of our graduates is high because of the versatile curriculum (a wide range of curricular) and the unique training that are offered. According to my experiences, our graduates compete with the other agriculture graduates and always dominate in the job market and do not find much difficulty in finding employment both in private and public sectors. Now, our graduates are employed everywhere in the country covering almost all the sectors.

I warmly welcome you all to the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and wish you all the best for your journey in the field of Agriculture and career path ahead.

Prof. G.V.T.V.Weerasooriya
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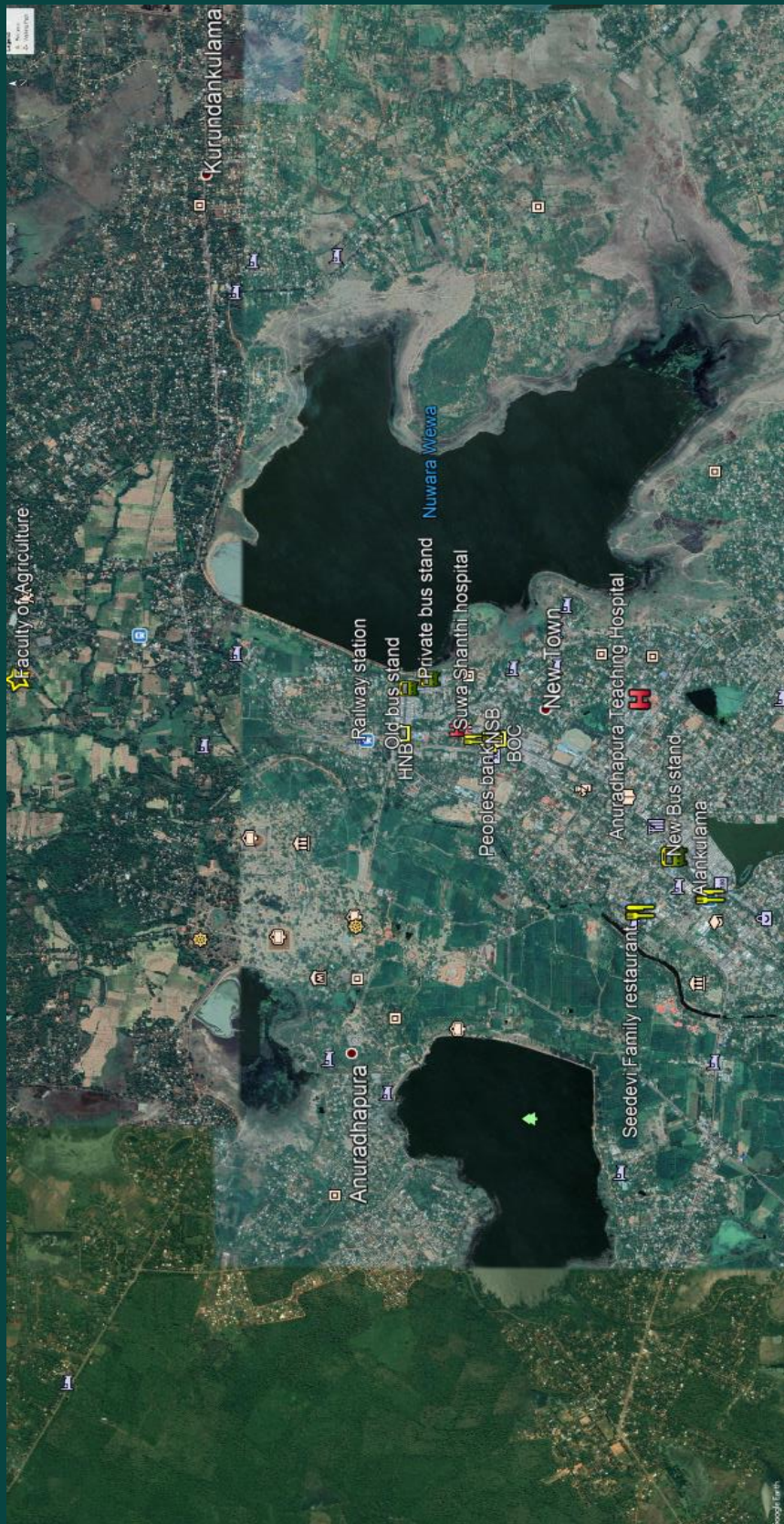
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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

B.Sc. Agriculture Honours Degree

Local Entrants

Candidate must have obtained at least “S” Grade passes for three subjects in one sitting from any of the following combinations at the G.C.E. [Advanced Level] examination.

- Chemistry, Physics, and Biology
- Chemistry, Physics or Mathematics, Biology or Agricultural Science
- Chemistry, Biology, Agricultural Science or Mathematics

International Entrants

Candidates with impressive results of an examination deemed equivalent to G.C.E. [Advanced Level] examination of Sri Lanka are eligible to apply for admission to the faculty through University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka. [visit <http://www.ugc.ac.lk>] for more information.

Special Entrants

Candidates who followed full time two (02) year diploma course in Agriculture offered by the government or recognized private institution (minimum total credits 60) or equivalent qualifications together with following qualifications are eligible to apply through the special entrance.

- Minimum of three (03) passes for Chemistry, Physics or Agriculture and Biology in one sitting at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination.
- Minimum of five (05) years research, teaching or experience in the field of Agriculture at a government or recognized private sector organization after awarding the diploma certificate.
- Age should be below 40 years as at the closing date of the application.
- Good performance at the written examination and the interview
- The Head of Institution's consent to grant scholarships/study leave for a period of 04 years for the selected person/s to follow the programme on full-time basis.

DEAN'S OFFICE



The office of the Dean is the main administrative body of the faculty which coordinates all academic and administrative activities of the faculty. Each academic department is run under the supervision of the Head of the Department who are under the directives of the Dean of the faculty.

The main task of the office is to provide the administrative mechanism required for coordinating the departments and academic programs. Also, it is responsible for program scheduling, coordinating, and academic advising and maintaining students' records.

The Senior Assistant Registrar or Assistant Registrar is responsible to assist all administrative work in the faculty including all matters regarding the non-academic staff, registration of students, conducting examinations and other academic support activities of the faculty such as certifying studentship, certifying attendance to scholarships, receiving medical certificates for absenteeism on lectures and examination, calling applications for year registration & module/course selection and examinations (proper & repeat), publishing timetables, issuing admissions, releasing examination results, accepting requests on re-scrutinization of results, issuing and certifying results sheets & academic transcripts, reserving lecture halls and auditorium for any events organized by the students with proper approval, coordinating vehicle arrangements, repair and maintenance activities of the faculty. The Assistant Bursar attached to the Faculty of Agriculture helps for the smooth functioning of the finance and supplies activities under the delegated authority.

Under the supervision of the Dean, the Assistant Registrar and the Assistant Bursar, the Dean's Office comprises a supporting crew of clerical and allied staff.

Opening hours: Weekdays from 8.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m.

Your Journey Begins...





Academic Departments



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING AND SOIL SCIENCE



Since 2001, the Department of Soil and Water Resources Management, now the Department of Agricultural Engineering & Soil Science (AESS), has emerged as a pioneering force in the disciplines of Agricultural Engineering and Soil Science. We offer twelve courses during the core program related to Farm Machinery, Soil Science, and Water Management. Also we offer two different specialization modules to represent Agricultural Engineering and Environmental Soil Management. Additionally, we offer a comprehensive three-month industrial training program, providing students with an opportunity to gain practical experience within a real-world organizational setting. AESS has sophisticated laboratory facilities with modern analytical instruments. Moreover, our Technology Incubation Center, Engineering Workshop, Engineering Drawing Room, Electronics, and GIS Laboratory provide an immersive environment for students to explore their creative and technical potential. In addition, we provide opportunities to analyze environmental samples through the Analytical Service Laboratory to the researchers of the country.

Currently, we are researching to increase local agricultural production using eco-friendly approaches that strengthen food security and environmental sustainability. The research efforts include soil fertility management, agricultural machine design & automated controls, water resource management, agro meteorology & climate change, energy & waste management, food engineering, GIS and remote sensing, irrigation, and soil microbiology. We have highly qualified staff with a wide range of professional skills, having local and international research experience. The academic staff of AESS has awarded with many research excellence awards during the recent past. Further, AESS students are publishing their research findings in both local and international journals. Also, researchers can obtain patents locally and internationally. Within the AESS department, vibrant student societies offer a wonderful avenue for students to encourage their skills through engaging in extracurricular activities. The ultimate objective of the AESS is to produce a well qualified graduates who can perform under any conditions locally and globally in the fields of Agricultural Engineering and Soil Sciences.

Core Course	
1100	ES 1101 Analytical Chemistry (2/20:20)
	ES 1102 Engineering Physics (2/25:10)
	ES 1103 Farm Power Engineering (2/25:10)
	ES 1104 Hydrology and Climatology (2/25:10)
1200	ES 1201 Introductory Soil Science (2/15:30)
	ES 1202 Soil- Plant- Water Dynamics (2/25:10)
2100	ES 2101 Agricultural Mechanization and Automation (2/25:10)
	ES 2102 Soil Health and Fertility Management (2/20:20)
2200	ES 2201 Irrigation and Water Management (2/25:10)
3100	ES 3101 Engineering Drawing and Land Survey (2/15:30)
	ES 3102 Field Practices in Agricultural Engineering and Soil Science (3/00:135)
	ES 3103 Operation and Maintenance of Two-wheel and Four-wheel Tractors (1/00:30)

Agricultural Engineering Majoring Module	
	Compulsory Courses
3200	ES 3201 Agricultural Engineering Systems Design and Construction (2/20:20)
	ES 3204 Food Process Engineering (2/25:10)
	ES 3207 Irrigation Engineering (2:15:30)
	ES 3221 Water Quality Assessment and Modelling (2/15:30)
	ES 3222 Watershed Management and Modelling (2:25/10)
	CC 3201 Research Methods and Scientific Writing (2/15:30)
	Optional Courses
	ES 3202 Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability (2/25:10)
	ES 3203 Computer Programming and Engineering Graphics Design (2/00:60)
	ES 3205 Innovation and Product Development (2/15:30)
4100	ES 3206 Integrated Management of Water Resources in Sri Lanka (2/25:10)
	ES 3208 Mechatronics and Precision Agriculture (2/25:10)
	ES 3209 Remote Sensing and GIS (2/15:30)
	ES 3210 Renewable Energy Technology and Management (2/25:10)
	ES 3219 Thermodynamics (2/25:10)
	ES 3220 Waste Management (2/20:20)
	AS 3209 Human Resource Management (2/25:10)
	Compulsory courses
	ES 4101 Advanced Agricultural Engineering (2/20:20)

Environmental Soil Management Majoring Module	
	Compulsory Courses
4100	ES 3213 Soil and Ecosystems (2/25:10)
	ES 3214 Soil Microbiology (2/20:20)
	ES 3215 Soil Survey and Classification (2/20:20)
	ES 3216 Soils of Sri Lanka (2/20:20)
	ES 3218 Sustainable Soil Management in Agriculture (2/20:20)
	CC 3201 Research Methods and Scientific Writing (2/15:30)
	Optional Courses
	ES 3202 Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability (2/25:10)
	ES 3206 Integrated Management of Water Resources in Sri Lanka (2/25:10)
	ES 3209 Remote Sensing and GIS (2/15:30)
4100	ES 3211 Management of Degraded Lands (2:20/20)
	ES 3212 Rice Soil Management (2/25:10)
	ES 3217 Sustainable Land Use Planning for Agriculture (2/20:20)
	ES 3220 Waste Management (2/20:20)
	ES 3222 Watershed Management and Modelling (2/25:10)
	PS 3205 Organic Farming (2/25:10)
	AS 3209 Human Resource Management (2/25:10)
	Compulsory courses
	ES 4102 Advanced Analytical Techniques for Environmental Studies (2/25:10)

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Department of Agricultural Systems (DAS) offers an extensive range of agricultural disciplines aimed at nurturing skilled, socially conscious, and globally competitive intellectuals. The department is dedicated to responsive research and advocating for stakeholders' needs. Within DAS, two major modules are available: 1). Agricultural Economics and Extension 2). Agricultural Systems and Management, addressing Agricultural Systems Management, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Extension, Agribusiness and Data Science. These subjects are specifically designed to cultivate a strong research-oriented approach in students. The intention is to equip them with the capacity to recognize, scrutinize, and apply acquired knowledge and skills to devise innovative solutions for present and future challenges. A key aspect of these modules is the integration of various statistical and analytical tools to address policy and decision-making issues in the agricultural sector.

Undergraduates opting for the Agricultural Economics and Extension majoring module will develop proficiency in applying advanced insights from Economics, Extension, Business, Management, and Statistics. This proficiency empowers them to identify and analyze the social, economic, and environmental challenges faced by agricultural stakeholders. Consequently, they can craft strategies to enhance competitiveness and sustainability. The module's multidisciplinary content positions undergraduates exceptionally well to assume leadership roles in agricultural business, the public sector, and society as a whole.

The Agricultural Systems and Management module provides comprehensive learning and training opportunities for undergraduates across diverse aspects of ecological agriculture, regenerative agriculture, sustainable agriculture, agro-ecotourism and global agri-food systems management. This prepares them to effectively confront managerial challenges on both local and global scales. The module also promotes undergraduates to apply their theoretical and practical knowledge to diverse agricultural systems by facilitating agricultural system's research through the agroecology laboratory.

Further, department facilitates undergraduates to observe and assess issues within agricultural and food systems and apply suitable management strategies to address them through field exposure visits, providing top-quality industrial training, research, and consulting. The department ensures that its teaching remains at the forefront of academic advancement, driven by the diverse expertise of its faculty.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS

Core Course

1100	AS 1101	Basic Mathematics (2/30:00)
	AS 1102	Fundamentals of Organizational Management And Behaviour (2/25:10)
1200	AS 1201	Principles of Entrepreneurship and Agribusiness (2/25:10)
	AS 2101	Agricultural Communication (2/25:10)
2100	AS 2102	Basic Statistics (2/30:00)
	AS 2103	Principles of Economics (2/25:10)
2200	AS 2201	Applied Farming Systems (2/25:10)
	AS 2202	Experimental Methods in Agricultural Research (2/30:00)
3100	AS 2203	Principles of Agri-food Marketing (2/25:10)
	AS 3101	Community Development and Developmental Extension (2/15:45)
	AS 3102	Farm Finance and Resource Management (2/15:30)

Agricultural Economics & Extension Majoring Module	
3200	Compulsory Courses
	AS 3201 Applied Econometrics (2/25:10)
	AS 3202 Extension Education (2/25:10)
	AS 3203 Food Value Chain Analysis (2/25:10)
	AS 3204 Industrial English (2/15:30)
	AS 3205 Project Management (2/20:20)
	AS 3206 Social Research Methodology (2/20:20)
	CC 3201 Research Methods and Scientific Writing (2/15:30)
	Optional Courses
	AS 3207 Agricultural Development and Policy (2/20:20)
4100	AS 3208 Human Ecology (2/25:10)
	AS 3209 Human Resource Management (2/25:10)
	AS 3210 Macroeconomics (2/25:10)
	AS 3211 Natural Resource Economics (2/25:10)
	AS 3212 Nonparametric and Categorical Data Analysis (2/15:30)
	AS 3213 Rural Development and Development Communication (2/25:10)
	AS 3214 Rural Sociology (2/25:10)
	AS 3215 Time Series Data Analysis (2/15:30)
	Compulsory Courses
	AS 4101 English for Scientific Communication (2/15:30)
	AS 4102 International Trade and Development (2/25:10)
	AS 4103 Statistical Software for Data Analysis (2/15:30)

Agricultural Systems & Management Majoring Module	
3200	Compulsory Courses
	AS 3216 Climate Smart Agricultural Systems (2/25:10)
	AS 3217 Food Security Assessment (2/20:20)
	AS 3218 Global Food Systems (2/25:10)
	AS 3219 Evolution of Technologies in Agricultural Systems (2/25:10)
	AS 3220 Sustainable Agriculture (2/20:20)
	CC 3201 Research Methods and Scientific Writing (2/15:30)
	Optional Courses
	AS 3221 Agro-ecotourism (2/15:30)
	AS 3222 Designing and Analysis of Agricultural Systems (2/15:30)
4100	AS 3223 Quality Management in Agricultural Systems (2/25:10)
	AS 3224 Regenerative Agriculture and Innovations (2/20:20)
	AS 3225 Risk Management in Agricultural Systems (2/25:10)
	Compulsory Courses
	AS 4104 Contemporary Developments in Agricultural Systems (2/20:20)

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DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL AND FOOD SCIENCES

The Department of Animal & Food Sciences was established on the 27th of March 2014. The focus of the Department is to produce competent and innovative graduates with sound theoretical and practical knowledge of Animal and Food Sciences. This is a full-fledged academic department that offers many learning and development opportunities across a wide array of disciplines for undergraduates to improve their knowledge and skills in different fields such as livestock production and technology, dairy production and technology, meat processing technology, food quality control and assurance, food processing technology, postharvest technology and many more through two specialization modules: **Animal Production and Technology, Food and Postharvest Technology**. The Department provides a unique academic package, consisting of both theoretical and practical courses which have been carefully blended with field level exposure that enables the undergraduates to achieve social, economic and sustainable development in the animal & food science sectors.



Core Course

1100	AF 1101 Introduction to Animal Production and Aquaculture (2/25:10)
1200	AF 1201 Anatomy and Physiology of Farm Animals (2/25:10)
	AF 1202 Animal Nutrition and Feeding (2/25:10)
	AF 1203 Biochemistry (2/20:20)
2100	AF 2101 Poultry and Swine Production (2/25:10)
	AF 2102 Principles of Food Science and Technology (2/25:10)
2200	AF 2201 Ruminant Management (2/25:10)
	AF 2202 Principles of Postharvest Technology (2/25:10)
3100	AF 3101 Practical Animal Production (3/00:135)
	AF 3102 Training on Postharvest Technology of Agricultural Food Crops (1/00:30)

Animal Production & Technology Majoring Module		Food & Postharvest Technology Majoring Module	
Compulsory Courses		Compulsory Courses	
3200	AF 3201 Animal Genetics and Breeding (2/25:10)	3200	AF 3211 Food and Nutrition (2/25:10)
	AF 3202 Dairy Processing Technology (2/20:20)		AF 3212 Food Chemistry (2/25:10)
	AF 3203 Meat and Egg Product Technology (2/20:20)		AF 3213 Postharvest Technology of Perishable Crops (2/20:20)
	AF 3204 Applied Animal Nutrition (2/20:20)		AF 3214 Postharvest Technology of Grains, Oil Seeds and Spices (2/20:20)
	AF 3205 Inland Fisheries and Ornamental Fish Culture (2/20:20)		AF 3215 Food Preservation (2/25:10)
	CC 3201 Research Methods and Scientific Writing (2/15:30)		CC 3201 Research Methods and Scientific Writing (2/15:30)
	Optional Courses		Optional Courses
	AF 3206 Micro-livestock and Integrated Systems (2/25:10)		AF 3202 Dairy Processing Technology (2/20:20)
	AF 3207 Wildlife Conservation and Management (2/25:10)		AF 3203 Meat and Egg Product Technology (2/20:20)
	AF 3208 Disease Management in Farm Animals (2/25:10)		AF 3209 Fish Processing Technology (2/25:10)
4100	AF 3209 Fish Processing Technology (2/25:10)		AF 3216 Food Product Development and Sensory Evaluation (2/20:20)
	AF 3210 Advances in Animal Production (2/30:00)		AF 3217 Food Microbiology (2/20:20)
	AF 3217 Food Microbiology (2/20:20)		AF 3218 Food Packaging Technology (2/25:10)
	AF 3218 Food Packaging Technology (2/25:10)		AF 3219 Food Analysis (2/15:30)
	AS 3209 Human Resource Management (2/25:10)		PS 3213 Biotechnology (2/20:20)
	ES 3220 Waste Management (2/20:20)		AS 3209 Human Resource Management (2/25:10)
	PS 3205 Organic Farming (2/25:10)		ES 3204 Food Process Engineering (2/25:10)
	Compulsory Courses		Compulsory Courses
	AF 4101 Farm Animal Welfare (2/25:10)		AF 4102 Food Safety, Regulation and Quality Management (2/25:10)
	AS 4103 Statistical Software for Data Analysis (2/15:30)		AS 4103 Statistical Software for Data Analysis (2/15:30)
		EG 4101 English for Employment (2/15:30)	

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANT SCIENCES

The Department of Plant Sciences is committed to realize the vision of the faculty that is to be a dynamic, innovative and renowned center for excellence in Agriculture. The department offers courses on in fields of Crop Science and Agricultural Biology to produce competent and innovative graduates with a sound theoretical and practical knowledge in the agricultural sector with special emphasis on regional, national and international needs. The department is a gateway to specialize in sub-disciplines of Agronomy, Horticulture, Forestry, Field Crops, Plantation Crops, Biotechnology, Tissue Culture, Crop Protection and Improvement. A recent survey of the graduates specialized in the department indicates that 92% of them secure employment in less than six months: 18.5% in the private sector, 59.2% in the public sector and 22.2% of them follow full-time postgraduate degrees. This has been made possible by the students in two specialization modules; crop science and agricultural biology, and sixteen-strong academic staff, of whom eight are Ph.D. holders. The department excels in teaching, research and innovation in crop science and Agricultural Biology



Core Course	
1100	PS 1101 Principles of Agronomy (2/25:10) PS 1102 Plant Systematics (2/20:20)
1200	PS 1201 Principles of Horticulture (2/15:30) PS 1202 Principles of Entomology (2/20:20) PS 1203 Plant Physiology (2/20:20)
2100	PS 2101 Perennial Crop Production I: Tea and Rubber (2/25:10) PS 2102 Commercial Horticulture (2/25:10) PS 2103 Genetics and Plant Breeding (2/25:10)
2200	PS 2201 Field Crop Production (2/30:00) PS 2202 Perennial Crop Production II: Coconut, Spice and Beverage Crops (2/25:10) PS 2203 Forest Ecosystems Management (2/25:10) PS 2204 Agricultural Microbiology and Phytopathology (3/30:30)
3100	PS 3101 Crop Production and Management Technologies (5/15:180) PS 3102 Pest and Disease Management (2/15:30)

Crop Science Majoring Module	
3200	Compulsory Courses
	PS 3201 Crop Physiology (2/25:10)
	PS 3202 Floriculture and Landscape Gardening (3/30:30)
	PS 3203 Controlled Environment Agriculture (2/15:30)
	PS 3204 Advanced Field Crop Production (3/40:10)
	PS 3224 Academic and Business English (1/00:30)
	CC 3201 Research Methods and Scientific Writing (2/15:30)
	Optional Courses
	PS 3205 Organic Farming (2/25:10)
	PS 3206 Forest Conservation and Restoration (2/25:10)
	PS 3207 Agroecology (2/25:10)
	PS 3208 Weed Management (2/25:10)
	PS 3209 Cottage Farming Enterprise (2/15:30)
	PS 3210 Plantation Forest Management (2/15:30)
4100	PS 3211 processing and value addition of Rubber, Spice & Beverage Crops (2/15:30)
	PS 3213 Biotechnology (2/20:20)
	PS 3214 Plant Tissue culture (2/15:30)
	ES 3212 Remote Sensing and GIS in Agriculture (2/15:30)
	Compulsory Courses
	PS 4101 Processing and Value Addition of Tea and Coconut (2/15:30)
	Optional Courses
	AS 4103 Statistical Software for Data Analysis (2/15:30)
	EG 4101 English for Employment (2/15:30)

Agricultural Biology Majoring Module	
3200	Compulsory Courses
	PS 3212 Plant Breeding Techniques (2/25:10)
	PS 3213 Biotechnology (2/20:20)
	PS 3214 Plant Tissue Culture (2/15:30)
	PS 3215 Applied and Economic Entomology (2/20:20)
	PS 3216 Clinical Plant Pathology (2/15:30)
	PS 3224 Academic and Business English
	CC 3201 Research Methods and Scientific Writing (2/15:30)
	Optional Courses
	PS 3217 Applied Microbiology (2/20:20)
	PS 3218 Advanced Techniques in Molecular Biology (2/20:20)
	PS 3219 Bioinformatics (2/20:20)
	PS 3220 Germplasm Conservation (2/20:20)
	PS 3221 Stored-product and Structural Pest Management (2/15:30)
4200	PS 3222 Advanced Phytopathology (2/25:10)
	PS 3223 Insect Ecology and Behavior (2/25:10)
	PS 3209 Cottage Farming Enterprise (2/15:30)
	PS 3208 Weed Science (2/25:10)
	ES 3212 Remote Sensing and GIS in Agriculture (2/15:30)
	Compulsory Courses
	PS 4102 Integrated Plant Protection Technology (2/15:30)
	Optional Courses
	AS 4103 Statistical Software for Data Analysis (2/15:30)
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Faculty Cell of the DELT at the Faculty of Agriculture, a branch of the Mother Department in Mihintale, provides almost a two-month spell of Intensive English Program and Internal Diploma Program along with the ongoing General English Courses including two 2 credited GPA contributing Courses: EG 2101 - English Language for Higher Education and EG 4101 - Professional English with the undergraduates of the faculty.

The English Language Laboratory, which comprises of computers and other audio video equipment, is open for students on all five working days and self – learning software such as “Study Skills Success”, “It’s Your Job” and “Road to IELTS” are installed into the computers and the students are free to use the facilities for self- study to enhance their knowledge of English.

‘English Night’ is an annual event organized by the Faculty Cell of DELT to refine English Language Competency as well as the talents of the First Year students of the faculty at the end of the Intensive English Program.



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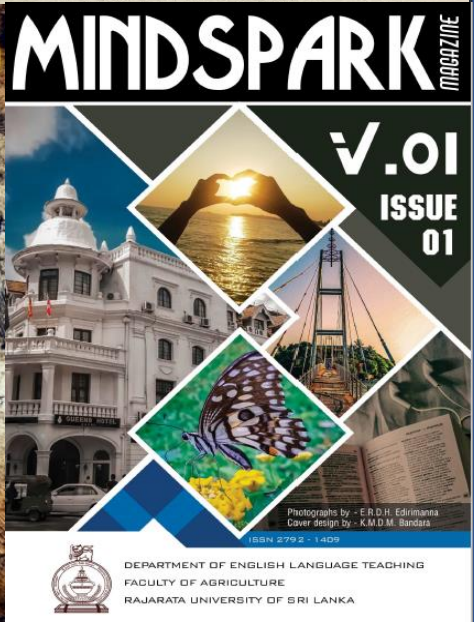
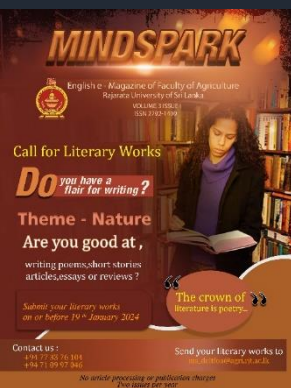
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'Mindspark' is an English e-magazine published by the Faculty Cell of DELT bi-annually with an e-ISSN to improve the students' writing skills in English. Both the academic staff members and students are given the opportunity to publish their short reports, essays, articles, short fiction, poems etc. in the magazine.

'Talk Master' Inter-faculty English Speech Competition is also there with the purpose of improving English Language interaction of the students of the university including our faculty and creating a speaker friendly platform for showcasing their latent talents.

The staff of DELT are always at hand to support the undergraduates of the faculty to enhance their English Language Proficiency.





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The unit offers two ICT courses (ICT I - IT1101, ICT II - IT1201) for undergraduates during their first academic year.

Students are allowed to use computer facilities for data analysis in their final year research projects as well as computer applications in the other subjects offered by the departments such as Computer Programming, Engineering Drawing and Land Survey, Experimental Methods in Agricultural Research and GIS.

ICT unit provides its service to all the departments and other units including lecture halls in the faculty. All the audiovisual arrangements of the faculty events will be organized and arranged by the ICT unit. Moreover, all the online programs will be monitored by the ICT unit including the faculty Management Information System (MIS) and Learning Management System (LMS). The LMS is administered, and the faculty websites are maintained by the ICT unit.

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Wi-Fi zone is available in the Department Complex, Library, Lecture Halls, Laboratories, Student Centre and Upasena Girls' hostel and Dhathusena Boys' hostel. Students have free access to Wi-Fi facilities for their academic purposes.

Opening hours: Weekdays from 8.00 a.m. to 4.45 p.m.

Agriculture Library

The Agriculture faculty has its own library in addition to the three faculty libraries and the central library is at Mihintale. The resource collection consists of more than fifteen thousand books related to the courses offered in the BSc Hons Agriculture degree program. The library is rich in print, non-print and electronic media. Materials that can be found in the library consist of textbooks, journals, magazines, newspapers, government documents, special collections, reference materials, dissertations, past questions papers and e-resources. All these materials have been acquired based on the subjects in the curriculum.

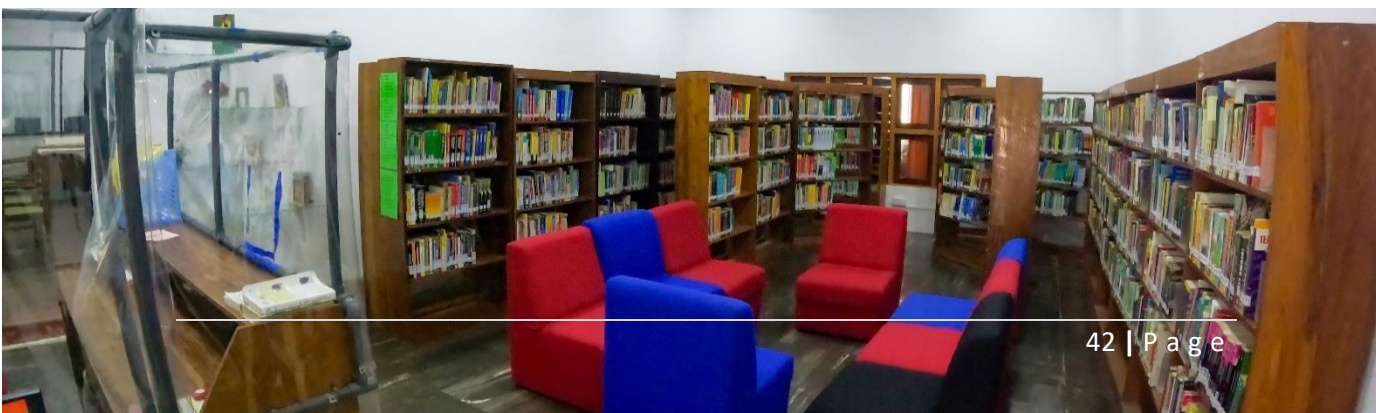
The library provides services to the university community including undergraduates, postgraduates, academic staff members, administrative and non-academic staff members. Services of the library include a lending facility, reference facility, interlibrary loan facility, document delivery service, user awareness programs, and information literacy programs.

All library resources are orderly accessioned and recorded in the catalog for easy access. The library catalogs can be accessed through Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC). In addition to that, an Institutional Repository is maintained by the Library. This open-access Institutional Repository preserves and makes available scholarly research by University and its faculties, students, institutes, centers, journals, and organizations. The Repository includes conference papers, scholarly articles, technical reports, theses and dissertations, research datasets and many more.

The Electronic Databases Subscribed through UGC Library Consortium are as follows:

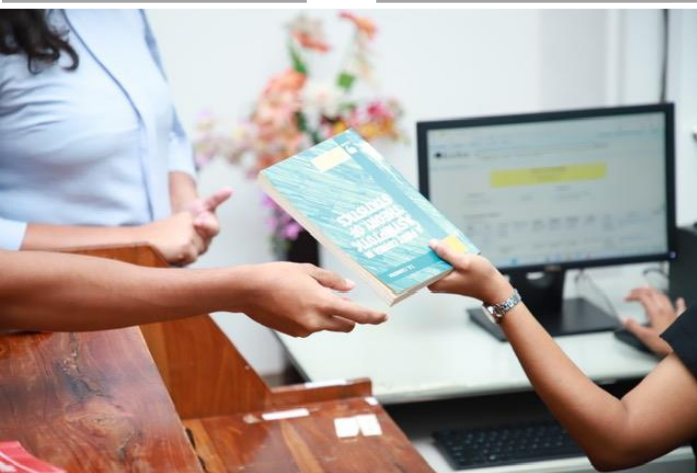
- [Emerald Insight](#) Abstracts / Full Text Engineering, Accounting, Management, HRM, Marketing, Librarianship, Social Sciences and Education
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Useful links for online resources are also provided through the library website.





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SERVICES & FACILITIES

▪ Access

The Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, is in the most convenient place for you. The Faculty is accessible through Anuradhapura-Rambewa highway (A20) which you have 24 hrs bus service. The faculty is 7 km away from the new bus station and 4 km away from the Anuradhapura railway station. The faculty is approximately 7 km away from the ancient city of Anuradhapura and about 10 km away from Mihintale, where the administration building complex is located.

▪ Living Accommodation

Living on-campus is so much more than a room!!

The faculty provides free on-campus accommodation to all the undergraduates during your period of studying with us.

Location - Be close to lecture halls, food, friends and fun.

Friends - Someone's always around to study, chat or just hang out with.

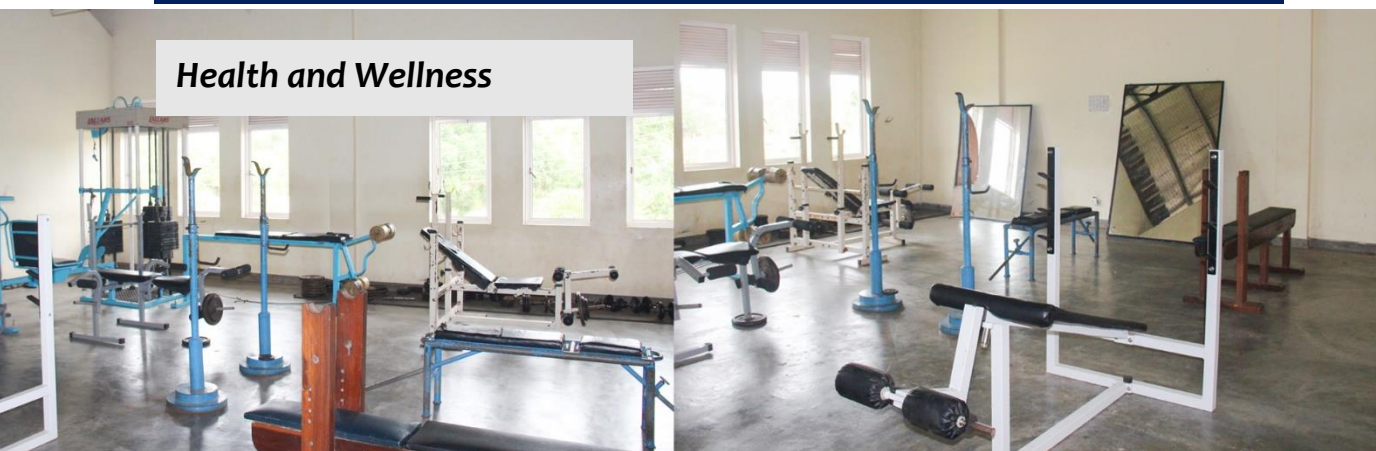
The hostels are well facilitated with food and beverages, safety and security, pastoral care, and disability support to take you to your accommodation. Further, you get daily newspapers, access to televisions, and playing indoor games such as table tennis, chess, carom etc. in common rooms. Halls are managed by a Warden who is a senior member of the academic staff assisted by residential Sub-wardens. Cooking facilities are not provided but foods and beverages are available in the cafeteria at subsidized prices. All the three hostels are facilitated with 24×7 internal security system. Further, the faculty offers a maintenance service for students in the hostels.





Student Centre

The faculty Student Centre is a popular place for gatherings and to spend your leisure time. You can enjoy free Wi-Fi access, a canteen with a purified water system (RO plant), indoor stadium and a gymnasium. This is an ideal place to enhance your social relationships.



Health and Wellness

Health Centre

The university health service provides medical care to the university community. The health centre opens for services from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM every Wednesday. A doctor and a nurse from the Anuradhapura teaching hospital have been appointed for medical examinations and treatments in the faculty. The other services provided by the health centre are preventive health services, health education, and environmental health, which include the monitoring of water and food supplies to the university.



Student Wellness

Indoor and outdoor sports facilities are available for the faculty and at Department of Physical Education, Mihintale. These sports facilities include basketball, cricket, football, hockey, netball, rugby, tennis, volleyball, and a ground for athletics. The playground is on faculty close to the hostels. You can relax and maintain a healthy life style!



The Faculty of Agriculture has an indoor stadium and a gymnasium. Indoor facilities are available for students including badminton, basketball, carom, chess, and table tennis. Also, weightlifting, wrestling, taekwondo, and other martial arts activities are available. Other than these facilities, the Department of Physical Education of the Rajarata University provides indoor and outdoor facilities including the main ground and volleyball court at the main campus at Mihintale having all the types of indoor and outdoor sports facilities and a swimming pool. Students are provided with all the sports facilities and equipment free of charge. The Department of Physical Education provides opportunities for talented athletes to participate in national and international level competitions.

The unit also coordinates events and supervises all sports activities. Experienced physical education instructors are attached to this unit to improve the skills of the players. The university also supports financially for athletes who represent the university at national and international level tournaments.



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The Career Guidance Unit (CGU) of the Faculty of Agriculture plays a crucial role in preparing students for their prospective careers. Operating under the umbrella of Rajarata University's CGU, this specialized unit is tailored to meet agriculture students' career aspirations and needs. Methodically organized workshops, training sessions, and programs enhance essential career skills such as communication, leadership, teamwork, and entrepreneurship. Overseen by the university's CGU and the faculty coordinator, the unit adopts a holistic approach, whereby the CGU fosters vital soft skills and provides hands-on insights, effectively connecting the academic program with the real-world employment prospects.





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The Audio-Visual Unit is dedicated to realizing the vision of the faculty that is to be a dynamic, innovative, and renowned Centre for excellence in Agriculture to support the agriculture undergraduate curriculum of the faculty, by means of producing audio video materials to supplement the regular teaching and learning activities. Over the last few years, the unit has produced video films and documentaries on various themes to facilitate the learning activities of undergraduates and to disseminate information to relevant stakeholders. Apart from preparing teaching material for undergraduate studies, the unit also produces educational material for the public of broadcasting quality and covers social events of the university.





Faculty Farm

On-faculty farm facility is one of the unique benefits that you get from the Faculty of Agriculture, RUSL. The classroom theory can be practiced in the farm. We have both uplands and lowlands for you to cultivate and area for rearing animals.

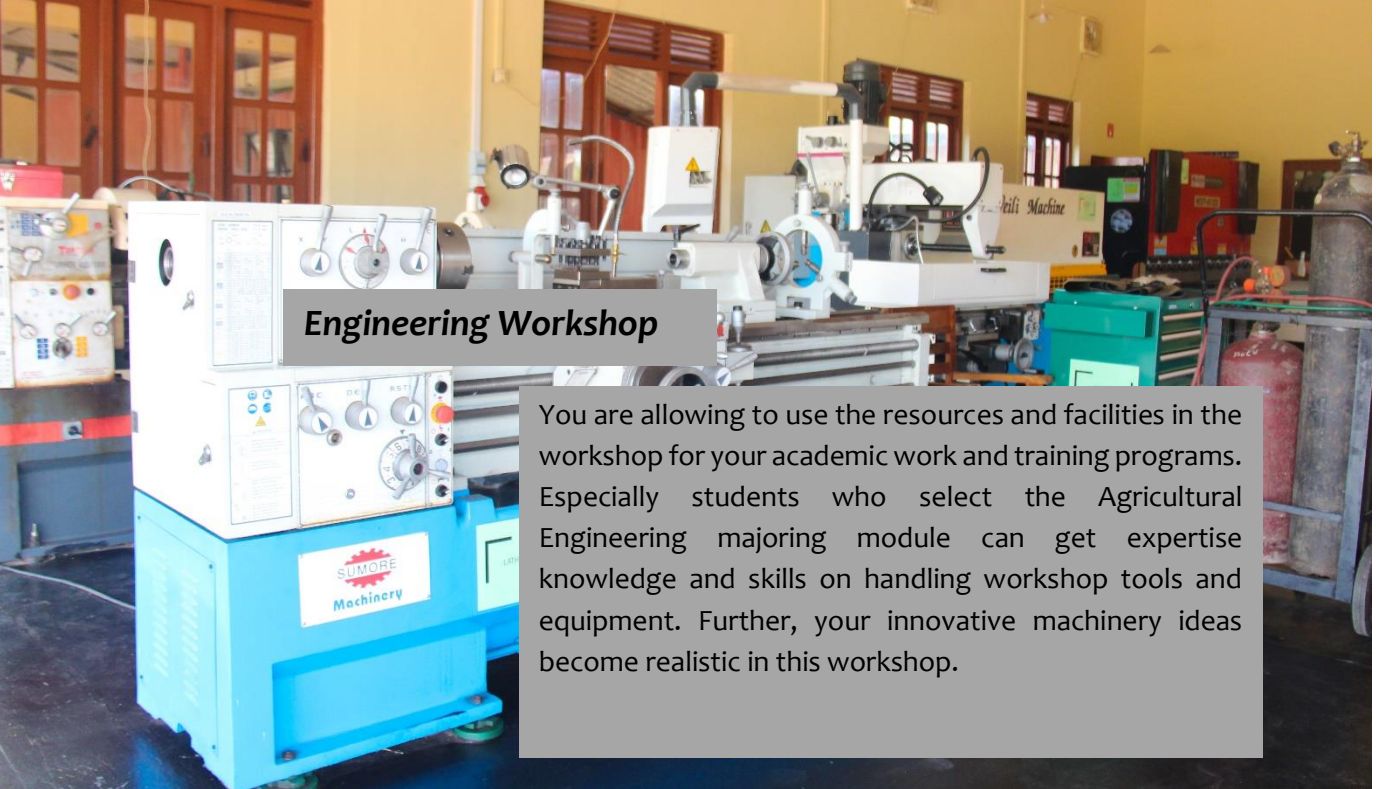
At present lowlands are used for seed paddy production while medicinal plants, orchards, protected culture and pasture can be seen in uplands. Poultry, cattle, buffalo, goat, sheep, and rabbit are reared in livestock section. In addition, a duck-fish integration unit and biogas production unit are maintained. Eggs, chicken meat, yoghurt, curd, and ice cream are available at the sales center as farm products. Seed paddy, mushroom, vegetables and fruits are also can be purchased from the sales outlet.

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Engineering Workshop

You are allowing to use the resources and facilities in the workshop for your academic work and training programs. Especially students who select the Agricultural Engineering majoring module can get expertise knowledge and skills on handling workshop tools and equipment. Further, your innovative machinery ideas become realistic in this workshop.

Technology Incubation Center at Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (RUSL), in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Inventor's Commission (SLIC), established a Technology Incubation Center (TIC) at the Faculty of Agriculture, Puliyankulama, Anuradhapura for the commercialization of invented products.

The main activities conducted by the TIC are;

- Study market requirements and provide consultancy on product marketing
- Provide technical knowledge and business skills to the inventors
- Support to develop business plans with Return on Investment
- Conduct workshops, seminars, and training programs
- Link inventors to the ministries, government agencies, and non-government organizations, including banks, to obtain the required servers.
- Provide an opportunity to the undergraduates/postgraduates to exchange knowledge and experience with inventors
- Advice on issues related to Intellectual Property



Rajarata University Controlled Environment Facility – RuCeF

Our newest addition to the faculty's research and teaching infrastructure is Rajarata University Controlled Environment Facility – RuCeF, which is a fully-automated climate-controlled greenhouse capable of simulating the combinations of temperature, relative humidity and soil moisture stress conditions of the future. The RuCeF's climatic conditions can be monitored with a state-of-the-art Internet-Of-Things (IOT) system. The RuCeF, Sri Lanka's only and first such facility, enables the next generation of plant scientists to undertake cutting-edge climate change adaptation and simulation research along the soil-plant-atmosphere continuum, which was once possible only in developed countries.





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OUTREACH CENTRE

Faculty of Agriculture
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka



Outreach Center

The Outreach Center of the Faculty of Agriculture is established to disseminate sustainable initiatives including research, extension, development, and awareness programs to relevant communities. The center is prepared to provide high quality, high standard technology, and services to the community.



Your Safety is Important to us!

The faculty main security office is located near the main gate of the faculty. This service is headed by a Chief Security Officer and several security male and female personnel workers. The security personnel operates regular security patrols in the campus, providing security to students, staff, buildings, and university properties. In addition to the main security office, there are security points in several places, especially in entering gates, next to the railway crossing, and in front of hostels.

Main Security

+94 25 223 6632

Need Safe Drinking Water?



The faculty provides safe drinking water to all the students through Reverse Osmosis (RO) water purification units installed at different locations of the faculty.



Sales Outlet

You are benefited with low price printing, photocopying, binding, laminating facilities, and stationaries at the faculty photocopy centre. You can taste faculty-produced ice-cream, yoghurt, and curd at the sales outlet. Other farm products such as eggs chicken meat, milk are also available at reasonable price.

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🌱 Student Counselling

You are not alone! We are here to support you.

Student Counselling Services assist you with a variety of concerns such as stress management, adjusting to university life, difficulties in relationships and other social and psychological matters that occur during your stay at the faculty.

Faculty of Agriculture has several student counsellors to help the students who are in various difficult situations, personal, health or financial.

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Female Student Counsellors
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Mrs. J. P. H. U. Jayaneththi
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Male Student Counsellors
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Dr. Gayan Thilakarathna
+94 77 941 2997

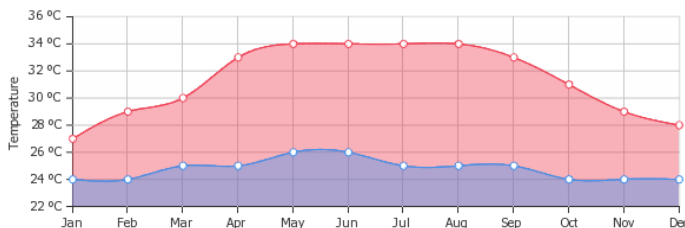
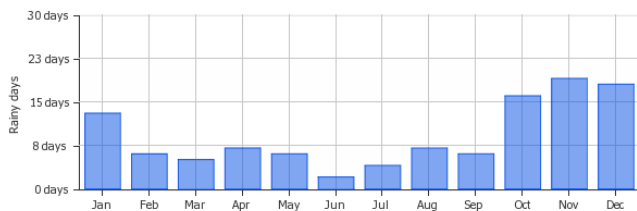
STUDENTS' LIFE

The office of the student services branch of the university oversees all activities related to students' life on campus, including student activities, leadership, multicultural outreach, counseling, and health services. As the Faculty of Agriculture is in the vicinity of Anuradhapura you may enjoy an array of on- and off-campus activities.

Weather

The city of Anuradhapura is located at the heart of the central dry zone of the island where it experiences over eight months of rainless period.

The showers late in the year transform the campus premises to a carpet of greenness and invite a variety of animals among them many species of birds and butterflies.



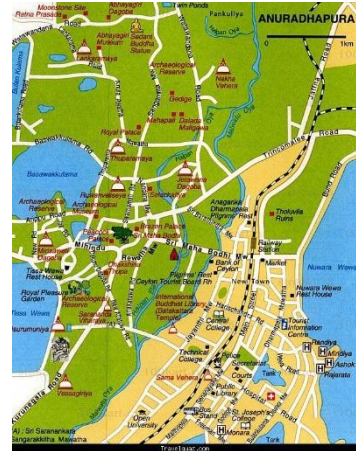
During the months of January, February, November and December you are most likely to experience good

weather with pleasant average temperatures. On average, the temperatures are always high. A lot of rain (rainy season) falls in the months of October, November and December. On average, the warmest month is July and the coolest month is January. December is the wettest month.



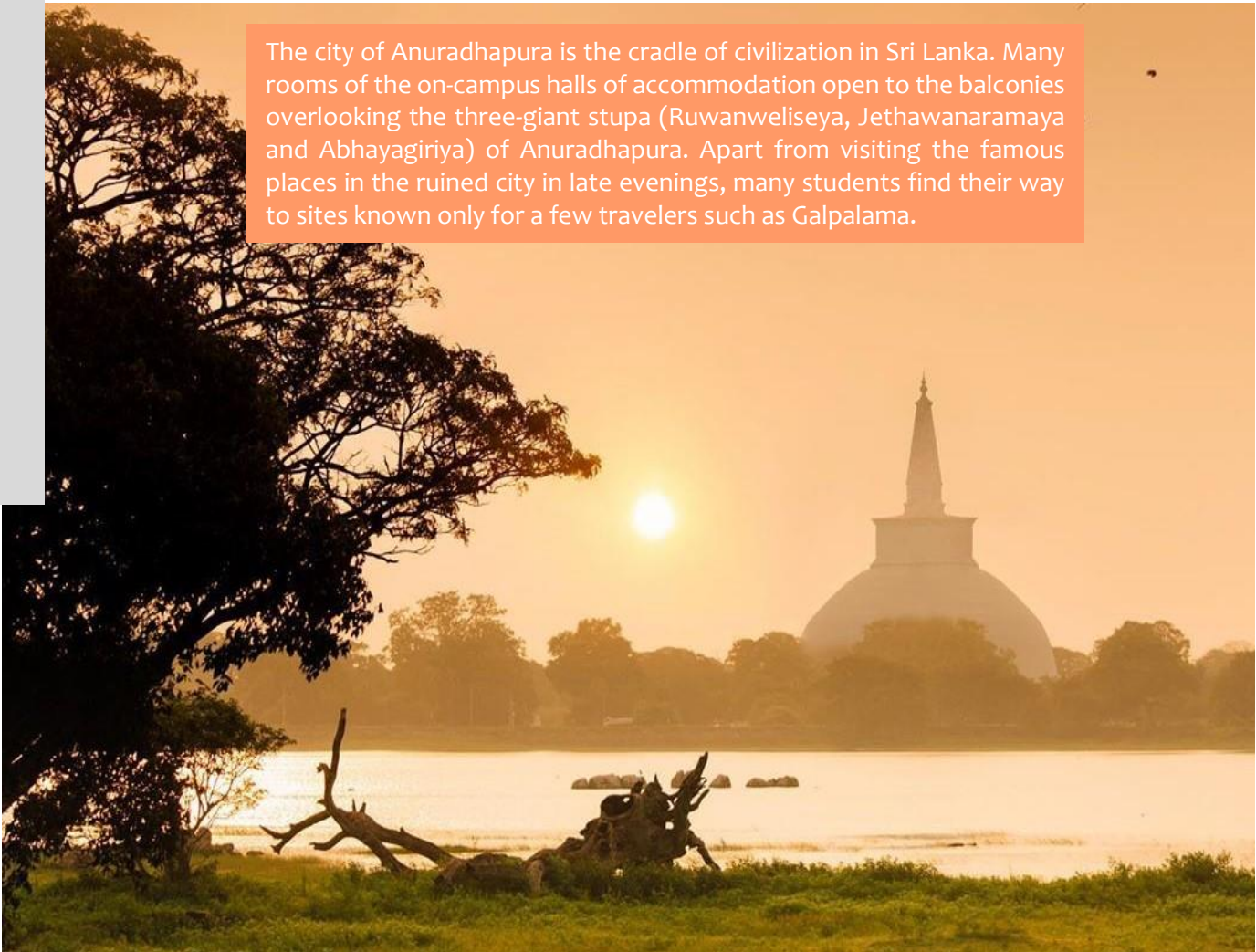
Daily life

As all the students of the Faculty of Agriculture are given on-campus full-time accommodation facilities, prospective students might assume living in Anuradhapura to be relatively cheap. It is about 10 mins bus ride for you to explore what the city has to offer.



Land of Lakes and Temples

The city of Anuradhapura is the cradle of civilization in Sri Lanka. Many rooms of the on-campus halls of accommodation open to the balconies overlooking the three-giant stupa (Ruwanwelisaya, Jethawanaramaya and Abhayagiriya) of Anuradhapura. Apart from visiting the famous places in the ruined city in late evenings, many students find their way to sites known only for a few travelers such as Galpalama.





Life off the books within the campus

Student-driven activities such as Vadiya Nilla, Padura, and Vesak, Poson, Christmas festivals are organized each year. The faculty offers the hands-on experience on crop and livestock farming. The faculty also offers exclusive opportunity to students to learn from student-to-famer interactions during farm family visits, farmer day programs, and other outreach activities. Among other student driven activities, poson dansala, blood donation camp and various school programs have been organized over the past years.





COPING UP WITH FINANCIAL NEEDS

Mahapola

Financing your undergraduate career is challenging for both you and your parents. The Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship from the Mahapola Trust Fund now offers an online application facility. Recipients of this scholarship are informed to the University before commencing your academic program, and those qualified will receive Rs. 5000 per month.

See

www.mahapola.lk
for more details

Visit

www.ugc.ac.lk/en/policy/commission-circulars/25-circulars-published-in-1994/519-commission-circular-no-613.html

for a complete list of eligibility criteria.

Bursary

Students ineligible to receive Mahapola Scholarship have the opportunity to apply for the university bursary scheme (Rs. 4000 per month). Eligibility criteria for bursaries are given in the same website indicated here.

Needy scholarships

The Faculty also administers a Needy Scholarship Fund. Each year about three to five students are awarded this scholarship.

Eligibility criteria

The student who;

- Suffers from extreme poverty.
- Experiences serious financial difficulties owing to a loss of family wealth, illness, death of the guardian and high expenses on siblings.
- Demonstrates the minimum Grade Point Average requirement of the degree program.
- Is not qualified either to “Mahapola” scholarship and Bursary but deemed really necessary of financial assistance on the evidence acceptable to the scholarship committee.
- Maintains good conduct and discipline.

Self-financing

Many students choose to sustain their four years of study through self-financing as dependents from their families. Should you choose to self-finance your program full-time, accommodation and dining facilities within the campus premises aim to bring your costs down.

REWARDING EXCELLENCE

Students are awarded gold medals in their respective convocation for the excellence in academic work during the study program according to the criteria given below.

Medal		Awarding Criteria
1	Prof. Aruni Weerasinghe Gold Medal	Gold Medal for Overall Highest FGPA
2	Mr. Vincent Subasinghe Gold Medal	Gold Medal for Highest GPA in Core Programme
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING AND SOIL SCIENCE		
3	Dr. D.M. Jinadasa Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in the Department of Agricultural Engineering & Soil Science
4	Prof. K.D.N. Weerasinghe Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in Agricultural Engineering Specialization Module
5	Prof. K.A. Nandasena Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in Environmental Soil Management Specialization Module
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS		
6	Prof. S.L. Ranamukhaarachchi Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in the Department of Agricultural Systems
7	Prof. G.A.S. Ginigaddara Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in Agricultural Systems & Management Specialization Module
8	Dr. L.P. Rupasena Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in Agricultural Economics & Extension Specialization Module
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL AND FOOD SCIENCES		
9	Prof. Vijay Jayasena Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in the Department of Animal & Food Sciences
10	Prof. A.M.J.B. Adikari Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in Animal Production & Technology Specialization Module
11	Prof. P.H.P. Prasanna Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in Food & Postharvest Technology Specialization Module
DEPARTMENT OF PLANT SCIENCES		
12	Dr. Sena Yaddehige Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in the Department of Plant Sciences
13	Prof. Abhaya Balasuriya Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Performance in Agricultural Biology Specialization Module
14	Prof. U.R. Sangakkara Memorial Gold Medal	Most Outstanding Student in Crop Science Specialization Module

LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Graduation is an exciting experience, but life after graduation may be stressful when you think about beginning a career.

Do not worry.....

- The knowledge and experiences plus a wide range of extracurricular activities at FOA will be helpful for you to succeed in your life here in the FAO and beyond.
- Seventy percent of RUSL Agros get employment opportunities within the first six months after the graduation according to the survey reports obtained on the convocation day.
- Some of our graduates continue their education in Sri Lanka or around the world.
- Most of the graduates have great pay rates in their working places.

Explore the opportunities, with empowering your skills with following extra courses such as IT, Professional English and HRM



✿ Join with ALUMNI.....

Become a member.

- Obtain an application form from the secretary, Mr. Janaka Wijesinghe
- Contact details Phone: (+94 76 75 73 770/ +94 71 651 6179),
Email: janakamd10@gmail.com
- Visit the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FAAAR/>



...So far, around 1000 graduates from 16 batches, everywhere in Sri Lanka and around the World...

They are willing to give a hand whenever you want.....



DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

Student life interacts with students, staff and the surrounding community. Day to day, we all experience different things with this diverse group. We are here from different parts of the country, different ethnic groups, different religion, and different cultures.

Student life is more cheerful with these diverse interactions. Whoever you are you belong to the University community. We are following one vision, one mission sharing the existing facilities equally.

Deputy Proctor

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If you feel any grievances (discrimination/harassment on the basis of gender, race, sexuality, disability, age, family/carer's responsibilities, political affiliation).....

Meet your adviser or student counselor or batch mentor or inform the administration.

You will receive the justice.

ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY

The university administration believes every single student receives equality and freedom to stay as his/her own and dedicated to maintaining a peaceful environment by creating dignity of every person, understanding, and mutual respect. Hence, FOA admin strongly observes any issues regarding the physical or mental harassments. To prevent harassment within the faculty community and to provide a process for addressing all forms of harassment if and when it occurs, the deputy proctor of the faculty is working hard. Sexual misconducts, violence in the university premises, or annoyance involving of students, as well as harassment based on other factors are seriously concerned and such involvements will be punished according to the set rules and regulations. To prevent such bad environment, FOA adheres to the country law, human

rights, and anti-ragging act (Act No. 20 of 1998). Moreover, the administration strictly follows the guidelines set by UGC (Circular 946) and RUSL on student discipline. If you face such instance, shall we give the mobile app here, you can directly contact online Voice Response System of UGC which is available 24 hours of the day.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Health

The university is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for the university community. University health care centre (HCC) opens 24 hrs in 365 days in a year. A full range of primary health care services are offered to university students and staff. Apart from the facility available at Mihintale premises, doctor and his crew visit the FOA every Wednesday. In serious situations, patient is directed to the Teaching hospital, Anuradhapura which is only 2 km away from the faculty.

Get registration at the centre...

- Go to the HCC.
- Staff will help you to register in the centre.
- You will be benefitted throughout your student life.

Safety

Laboratory manuals are available in each labouratory and during the first labouratory practices you will be demonstrated about safety measures.

- Use a lab coat when you are in the labouratory.
- Use gloves, goggles etc. when necessary.
- Familiarize with other safety protocols.
- Fire distinguishes are fixed in all the labouratories and read and familiarize to face an emergency.

Apart from that, security points are located on the faculty premises. In hostels, 24 h security serves are available. Please adhere to the safety rules established by the hostel administration for your own safety (read hostel rules and regulations doc.)

ACADEMIC CALENDER

Visit <http://www.rjt.ac.lk/agri/studentsnotice.php?noid=30>

Students' Success Stories



My name is Dimuthu Piyumika Nayanarangani, and I am excited to share the journey that has shaped my academic and professional life. I hold a degree from the prestigious Department of Agricultural Engineering and Soil Science at the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (RUSL). It was during my time at RUSL that I truly discovered my passion for Soil Science. The university provided the perfect environment to build a strong academic foundation, enriched with practical experiences through dedicated lecturers, field courses, and hands-on laboratory work.

While academic excellence is vital, I firmly believe that an outstanding graduate is shaped by more than just academic achievements. This belief has been a guiding principle in my career. Currently, I serve as an Assistant Director (Agri Research) at the Department of Agriculture, a position I secured after passing a highly competitive exam and interview process. My work in the department has allowed me to further explore the fascinating interplay between agricultural practices and soil health.

During my Master of Science program, I undertook a thesis-based research project on the *Impact of Long-Term Annual and Perennial Crop Cultivation on Phosphorus and Carbon Status of a Tropical Ultisol* under the mentorship of Prof. W.A.U. Vitharana and Prof. Darshani Kumaragamage. My undergraduate research focused on the *Investigation of Short-Scale Spatial Variability of a Salt-Affected Land Allotment in Maha-Illupallama, Anuradhapura*, supervised by Prof. M.G.T.S. Amarasekara and Mr. R.A.A.S. Rathnayaka.

In addition to my research, I have had the opportunity to teach and mentor students as a Temporary Assistant Lecturer and Teaching Assistant at Rajarata University. I also worked as a Research Assistant on a project funded by the Queen Elizabeth Scholar program at the University of Winnipeg, Canada, gaining valuable experience in advanced soil research.

As a trainee at the Natural Resource Management Center (NRMC) in Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, I honed my skills in soil conservation, soil surveying, chemical property analysis, erosion assessment, and water management techniques.

One piece of advice I would offer is to always be an explorer find your passion and your strengths. Once you identify them, work on them with a positive mindset and constantly challenge yourself to push beyond your limits. At the end of the day, your greatest competitor is yourself, and the goal should always be to grow and achieve what brings you happiness and fulfillment.

Miss. Dimuthu Piyumika Nayanarangani



My name is Nishanka Jayasiri and I am more than happy to share my academic journey, which is founded by Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (RUSL). During my bachelors I found my passion in Agricultural Engineering and hence, specialized from the Department of Agricultural Engineering and Soil Science. RUSL provided me with more than just an education; it shaped my perspective and ambitions. The vibrant university, inspiring mentors, practical experiences, field courses, field visits and hands-on experiences and hands-on laboratory work laid the foundation for my personal and professional growth.

If I elaborate a bit of my journey, first I worked in the same department in temporary academic staff. Then I was fortunate to receive the IDRC-SAWA scholarship for my M.Phil. degree at the University of Peradeniya, where I was honored with the Dr. A.W.R. Joachim memorial award for most meritorious student in 2016 at the Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. Then I have worked for multiple research projects with several government organizations, universities and international organizations including International Water Management Institute, Agribusiness Centre - University of Peradeniya, and Heक्टर Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research Institute. The exposure with multiple academic institutes has sharpen me as a potential academic. More importantly it allowed me work closely with the prestigious academics and other enthusiastic colleagues in several academic forums. By this time, I direct myself to work on environmental aspects of agricultural water systems.

I have completed my doctoral studies with the collaboration of International Rice Research Institute. This has become a huge exposure to international research community, which provided me some valuable collaborations with world-class researchers from many institutes including Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation, University of Queensland, Australia, Institute of Political Science, University Bern, Switzerland, and Northern Arizona University, USA.

Currently, I serve as a Postdoctoral Fellow - Agricultural Water Systems, International Rice Research Institute, Cambodia-Country office. I am working with a mega program titled “Asian Mega Deltas initiative” partially led by IRRI aiming to strengthen up Cambodian agricultural systems against climate crisis through understanding spatio-temporal water system dynamics and recommending effective water-led adaptation.

I always grateful to RUSL to convert me from a little girl who had little dreams to a potential researcher aspiring researcher committed to making a difference by generating valuable knowledge. I shared the essence of my journey with you to convey few important life lessons of mine. Embrace curiosity and passion-not just grades; graduating does not make you qualified-your personality and attitude with knowledge does; and finally, create a skillful resilient behavior and pleasing personality that everyone remembers you as a proud product of RUSL. Good luck for the beautiful future ahead.

Miss. Nishanka Jayasiri



I am Geewantha Wijerathna, a postgraduate student at Dublin Business School, Ireland, currently pursuing a Master of Science program in Supply Chain Management. My bachelor's degree began in 2017 at the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, where I majored in the Food and Postharvest Technology module. I conducted my final year research project at the Food Research Unit, Gannoruwa and I was able to publish that work in Annals of Sri Lanka Department of Agriculture Journal. Then I completed the industrial training program at Ellawala Horticulture (Pvt) Ltd. Finally, I graduated with a Second-Class Lower Division in 2021.

During my undergraduate program, I not only gained comprehensive theoretical and practical knowledge in agriculture and food science but also actively participated in various extracurricular activities. I was a member of the Faculty's Student Council for three years, which honed my leadership and teamwork skills. In addition, I was a dedicated member of the University Hockey Team and had the honour of winning university colours in both 2018 and 2019. I also represented the Faculty's Badminton Team, contributing to the vibrant student community.

The experiences and skills I acquired during my time at Rajarata University significantly shaped my career development. After graduation, I started as a trainee in the Quality Assurance Department at Ceylon Fresh Seafood (Pvt) Ltd. I then advanced to roles as a Production Executive at Expolanka (Pvt) Ltd and later at Trischel Fabric (Pvt) Ltd, a company under MAS Holdings.

Today, I am living in Dublin, Ireland, pursuing my postgraduate degree while also gaining hands-on experience through an internship program at CH&CO company. I am proud to say that the knowledge and skills I gained, both academically and through extracurricular activities at the Faculty of Agriculture, have supported me in reaching my current position. They have truly helped me develop the professionalism, personality, and strength that I possess today.

Mr. Geewantha Wijerathna

I'm Theshan Shaheel Seneviratne, currently serving as an analyst in the microbiology laboratory at SGS Lanka Private Ltd., where I apply my expertise to ensure excellence in scientific analysis and quality assurance."



As a graduate of the Department of Animal and Food Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture, I look back on my university years as a period of tremendous growth and achievement. In 2023, I had the honor of receiving the "Faculty Award" for the most outstanding performance in both academics and extracurricular, a recognition that highlighted my dedication to excelling in multiple areas.

During my time at university, I specialized in animal production & technology and graduated with a second-class upper division in September 2024. Beyond academics, I embraced leadership and teamwork. I had the privilege to be a founding member of "The Society of Animal & Food Sciences," where I served as the first president, shaping its direction. Additionally, as the treasurer of my batch for four consecutive years, I balanced financial responsibilities while staying engaged in various musical events organized at the faculty.

Sports played a major role in enhancing my university experience. I was a proud member of the university badminton team, earning university colors in 2019 and being part of the team that won a bronze medal at the Sri Lanka University Games the same year. In 2022, I had the privilege of captaining the badminton team for the Inter University Games, while also serving on the sports council. Beyond badminton, I actively contributed to my faculty's victories in hockey and chess, helping secure top placements at the Inter Faculty Sports Championships

The university years are a unique chapter in life, full of opportunities to learn, grow, and discover your passions. These are not just four years of education but also a time to engage in activities that challenge and excite you. These experiences will shape your future and lead you toward success in ways you can't yet imagine. Enjoy every moment!

Mr. Theshan Shaheel Seneviratne



I'm honoured and excited to share my journey from a student at the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University Sri Lanka to become a Project Manager at Janathakshan GTE Ltd. Specializing in Agricultural economics and extension stream, I had the privilege of diving deep into the fascinating world of agriculture and sustainable development during my time at the university.

The foundation I built at the Faculty of Agriculture was transformative. The rigorous academic programs, hands-on Practicals, and inspiring mentorship provided by the exceptional academic staff gave me the skills and confidence to pursue my passion for climate change and sustainable agriculture. It wasn't just about gaining knowledge but understanding how to apply that knowledge to solve real-world problems.

A significant milestone in my journey was the opportunity to actively engage in an internship and final-year research project facilitated by the faculty, which placed me at the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS). This experience allowed me to collaborate with industry experts under the guidance of university supervision. It was an invaluable learning opportunity that implanted in me the importance of collaboration, innovation, and perseverance—qualities that have proven essential in my current role.

After graduation in 2019, I was inspired to step into the NGO sector, where I could make a tangible impact on communities and ecosystems. Today, as a Project Manager, I work under the Climate Change and Sustainable Agriculture umbrella at Janathakshan GTE Ltd. My role involves designing and implementing projects that build resilience, promote sustainability, and empower communities to adapt to a changing climate. In 2021, driven by my strong passion for sustainable development, I advanced my academic journey by completing the Master of Regional Development and Planning program at the University of Colombo.

This unwavering dedication to sustainability, coupled with my interest in addressing climate change, further motivated me to pursue my current academic endeavor a Master's in Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability at University of Colombo.

Looking back, I am immensely grateful for the guidance and opportunities I received at the Faculty of Agriculture. The support from my mentors and the network I built have been instrumental in shaping my career.

To all the aspiring students out there: believe in yourself, dream big, and make the most of the incredible opportunities available to you. The Faculty of Agriculture is not just a place to learn it's a place to grow, discover your potential, and prepare for a fulfilling career.

Ms. Nilwala Ravihari



“I am Nilukshi Madubashini, Head of the Quality Department at the award-winning Lumbini Tea Factory (Pvt) Ltd, where I ensure the highest quality standards and global sustainability compliance.

I obtained my bachelor's degree in agriculture with a specialization in agricultural systems and management with second-class upper-division honors in 2022 from the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. The program offered a unique, intensive, and innovative specialization module that strongly emphasizes research addressing global agricultural system challenges. My focus was on agricultural engineering, equipping me with advanced technological knowledge and skills essential for modern agricultural practices.

Further, my involvement in hockey and volleyball shaped my leadership and teamwork skills. These qualities led me to an internship at Control Union Inspection Pvt Ltd, gaining hands-on experience in quality control.

In 2023, I joined Lumbini Tea Factory as an Assistant Quality Assurance Officer and advanced to my current role. I manage tea production quality and sustainability, particularly in the Lumbini Tea Valley near the Sinharaja World Heritage Site, promoting eco-friendly farming practices. My recent pursuit of a Master of Science in Agro-ecology aligns with my vision of transforming Sri Lanka into a global leader in agro-ecology, where agriculture and ecological conservation thrive together.

I am grateful for the unwavering support of my teachers and parents, whose guidance and belief in me have been essential to my success. With my education in Agriculture Systems Management and hands-on industry experience, I am dedicated to inspiring the next generation of professionals in sustainable agriculture.

To anyone aspiring to make a difference: stay determined, resilient, and believe in yourself. Your dreams are valid, and you can achieve them.

Ms. Nilukshi Madubashini



It is a privilege to contribute this message as a proud alumna of the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (RUSL). As a graduate specializing in Crop Production Technology, I had the honor of achieving the highest GPA in my department, a testament to the exceptional academic training and support provided by the faculty. The comprehensive education and practical knowledge I gained through the degree program were pivotal in securing my current position as

Factory Manager at Vetgrow Private Limited.

Furthermore, I am privileged to serve as the Assistant Secretary of the Investors Association of the Industrial Zone, Makadura, a role that has allowed me to contribute actively to the development of the local industrial community.

In my professional role, I am entrusted with a wide range of responsibilities, including production planning, quality compliance, stakeholder engagement, and mentoring research students. Under my leadership, the factory has achieved significant milestones, such as securing quality certifications and hosting academic field visits for local and international students.

These accomplishments reflect the solid foundation laid by my education at RUSL, where I was also actively involved in extracurricular activities, such as the chess club and English debate team, which enhanced my teamwork and leadership skills.

To the current undergraduates, I encourage you to embrace every opportunity to learn and grow, both academically and personally. The knowledge, experiences, and values you acquire at RUSL will serve as the cornerstone of your future success and empower you to contribute meaningfully to the advancement of agriculture and beyond.

Ms. Chanuri Dissanayake



As a member of 2009/2010 Batch I completed B. Sc. (Agriculture) Degree with a Second Class (Upper division) and final GPA was 3.74. I am specialized in Plant Protection and Improvement and my final year research was supervised by Prof. L. K. W. Wijayaratne.

Then I was selected as a Demonstrator by the Department of Plant Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. As a fresh graduate, I completed M. Sc. in Plant

Protection Technology at Post Graduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA), University of Peradeniya with 3.90 final GPA.

After that I joined Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation as a Research Officer. Then I was selected as a Research Assistant in Department of Agriculture and I worked in Office of the Registrar of Pesticides, Peradeniya.

Finally, I had to change my career in the field of Agriculture, after joining with the People's Bank. Currently I'm employed as a Deputy Manager in People's Bank. I was able to adapt well to the banking sector even though it is a totally different field. I believe Agriculture graduates can fulfil the any kind of vacancies available in the local and foreign job market with the theoretical and practical knowledge quire during this degree program.

Mr. Lakshitha Bambaradeniya

Enjoy Your Journey.....

